



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

by Congressman Terry Everett  
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As predicted in this slot last week the past weekend was spent at a meeting of newspaper folks. It just so happened that we spent those three "working" days at Orange Beach, AL - what better place to discuss important developments in the newspaper field? Well as the day drew on Saturday, those chairs got harder and harder and our mind more confused than ever. Having already opted out of the evening banquet (\$45.00 for \$6.00 cold food is a no-no), we started scurrying for a phone number to combine both our favorite pastimes - eating good food and visiting with family and/or friends. This time it was Elba native Craig Murdock, who manages one of the upscale restaurants on the beach, namely "The Restaurant" at The Beach Club. He was a high schoolmate of our two older children. Now if anyone had us ask a week ago where you would be if you turned off the Gulf Shores Parkway on Ft. Morgan Rd and drove 12 miles... we would have said "in the middle of Mobile Bay" but that's not true. We drove down the designated road, or parkway, for the designated mileage, seeing little but trees and little pig trails going to beachside cabins. Then suddenly things opened up, a huge water tower dominated the skyline and Wham! there were four or five high rise buildings, a couple of two story buildings, tennis courts, etc. Anyway we asked the security guard how to get the the eating joint and actually correctly followed her instructions. After climbing the stairs to the second floor (where the view is great in every direction) we were trying to ask the hostess for a table when in a whirlwind Craig comes up and tells her he would handle this one. Anyway, he seated us at a table with a dream view of the gulf, sat and talked for a while as the tables all around us filled up, even took time to show off some pictures of his wife and cute two year old son. The appetizer, salad and seafood he recommended were great, the waitress an attentive darling... the list goes on and on. A couple at an adjoining table seemed to be enjoying the steaks while their three little girls were relishing hamburgers or chicken tenders. Craig's parents, Mickey and Elizabeth Murdock, can be proud of their middle son's success. We plan to make another pass down that way and find time to break bread with him again.

Our inside information on Alabama and Washington politics is overwhelming, following a weekend with folks who have all the answers, even before we know the questions. The most interesting thing would probably have been to record all those tilts of knowledge, wait for things to play out and see if any one of them was correct. Actually the law of averages should make some of them right, but it would be almost impossible for all staff politicians, and political watchers, said to come to reality.

There is a lot of talk (dreaming) on the streets of Elba and virtually every other South Alabama town about spin-off businesses from the new Hyundai plant being built South of Montgomery. The reality is that those folks don't like a lot of publicity about their plans, so we will have to be happy enjoying the rumors until some company is ready to announce they are coming to Elba or we realize that they have all gone in the other direction. Either way, each of us needs to put our best foot forward every day just in case they are considering coming our way.

A closer reality is in the news article on the front page about the federal money for the Digestor Carcass Disposal System to be used at the local state lab. Senator Richard Shelby had last week that there is money in the subcommittee plan for this \$750,000 piece of equipment. Apparently this thing is state-of-the-art as it will convert an entire infected animal body into harmless waste that can be dumped into the sewer system. Since the recent mad cow disease scare, dead cow and sheep bodies can't be sent to the rendering plants. Therefore disposal costs continue to climb and if there were any of the new scarder diseases to crop up, more serious problems would appear... without this digester. Again, we need to remember how indebted we are to our representatives in the legislature, both state and nationally.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of July 22, 2002, through July 28, 2002. They were: Agnes Teresa Boothe, Katie Grant; James T. Clark, Pettie Lee Wambles, Pauline Wood, Shirley N. Dozier, Evelyn Dianne Dunn, Amanda Moore, Ruth Bryant, Mary Carpenter, Jimmy Davis, Pauline Grimes, Marylene Grimes, Mary Smith.

**Lordy, Lordy**  
Look Who's  
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## Jail time for corporate crooks is the best punishment

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The nation is fed up with corporate wrongdoing as thousands of workers try to rebuild their lives after being victimized by greedy corporate bosses who feathered their own nests while their companies collapsed - from shady accounting and mismanagement. In response, Congress and the White House have taken steps to toughen penalties for corporate fraud and the robbing of workers' pensions, and reforming corporate accounting, oversight and disclosure. These steps are all good, but in my view, the best way to get the attention of boardroom crooks is by putting them in a real jail, not accountancy club type jail, not a community club type jail, where many high profile criminals spend time.

Big business cheats frequently do so because they often only face a slap on the wrist. Pointing fingers at officials with oversight over investigations seems to be the only way to accomplish little, so long as those guilty are allowed to escape

with their millions. Frankly, we could stop the problem of corporate corruption in a hurry by putting a couple dozen CEO's in jail and take back from them every penny they illegally obtained.

Earlier this year, the US House passed a pair of bills (The Pension Security Act, and

The Corporate and Auditing Accountability, Responsibility, Transparency Act) aimed at protecting the rights of workers and their pensions, and reforming corporate accounting, oversight and disclosure. Given the many millions of dollars in pension funds lost due to the Enron fiasco, this is a prudent course of action. It also makes good sense to demand real-time access to corporate financial information for all investors, and to toughen accounting standards.

President Bush spoke to Wall Street last week demanding responsibility and accountability from America's corporate community. He proposed a number of reforms, some of

which are already addressed by the House legislation. However, his strongest words were reserved for the willful lawbreakers. He made it clear that those corporate officers who break the law will meet with jail time. He proposed doubling the maximum prison term for mail fraud and wire fraud (statutes often involved in corporate wrongdoing) to ten years.

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# CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Basin Baptist to celebrate Homecoming, Sunday, August 11**

Basin Baptist Church will be observing Homecoming Sunday, August 11. Rev. Sam Trotter, minister at Basin Baptist invites everyone to attend.

A covered dish lunch will follow morning worship in the fellowship hall.

**Benefit Bar B Q to be held for John Boutwell at Mt. Pleasant Church**

A Benefit Bar B Q will be held for John Boutwell on August 17, 2002 from 10:30 a.m. until at Mount Pleasant Church. Plates will include Bar

#### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

#### Does Mark 16:9-20 belong in the Bible?

-N.S.,  
For any passage of Scripture to belong in the Bible it must be inspired to God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Therefore for Mark 16:9-20 to belong in the Bible it must have come from the mind of God. If it is from God it must be the truth (John 17:17), and cannot contradict the truth of any other passage of Scripture.

Does Mark 16:9-20 teach error? No! Everything stated in this text is either recorded in the other 3 gospel accounts and/or supported by other passages of Scripture. Did Jesus after His resurrection appear unto Mary Magdalene, and did she tell the disciples about His appearing to her? Yes (Mark 16:9-11; Luke 24:10-11). Did Jesus appear to two of His disciples in another form? Yes (Mark 16:12-13; Luke 24:13-15). Did Jesus appear to the rest of the disciples? Yes (Mark 16:14; 1 Corinthians 15:5). Did Jesus tell His disciples to preach the gospel to every creature? Yes (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19). Did Jesus tell us that He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned? Yes (Mark 16:16; Matthew 28:19). Did Jesus say that the word would be confirmed by miracles? Yes (Mark 16:17-20; John 19:37). So why would there by any question about Mark 16:9-20 belonging in the Bible? Because there is no way to get around Mark 16:16! So in an attempt to cast suspicion upon the Lord's statement, which makes clear that baptism is essential for salvation, it is often raised to view that it is not found in "the two most reliable early manuscripts and other ancient witnesses do not have Mark 16:9-20 (NIV 1978)." But the NKJV states correctly "...nearly all other manuscripts of Mark contain them." The two so-called most reliable manuscripts are the Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus. But it is merely human judgement to say these are the most reliable. In fact, many disagree with that assessment. For there are other certain fragments older than these two manuscripts that have passage, and early writers Justin Martyr and Irenaeus, who lived in the 2nd century, quote from it. To say that Mark 16:9-20 does not belong in the Bible, is to try to get around the truth of God's word.

-Jimmy Simmons

If you would like to submit a question for consideration to be used in this column, please send it to: "Questions and Answers," c/o Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36323. We invite everyone to attend the services of the Elba Church of Christ. Please call 897-2057 for times of services.

#### ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

#### Scripture: Proverbs 1:1-19

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## COMMUNITY

Ramona Grantham receives promotion at SouthTrust Bank to Loan Officer



Mark O'Mary, CEO of SouthTrust Bank, announces the recent promotion of Ramona K. Grantham to SouthTrust Loan Officer for the Elba Office. Mrs. Grantham has been with SouthTrust for 19.5 years. Mrs. Grantham has held many job functions in the bank such as bookkeeper, new accounts representative, and her most current position as Consumer Lender. Mrs. Grantham is a graduate of Zion Chapel High School and MacArthur Technical School in Business and Accounting. Mrs. Grantham resides in the Zion Chapel Community and is married to Billy R. Grantham and has two sons, Brad and Chan, three grandchildren. She is a member of Zion Chapel Baptist Church.

**ESJC Fall Semester classes to begin August 21**

Enterprise State Junior College Fall Semester classes will begin on August 21. Regular registration ends Tuesday, August 20. Students may take advantage of late registration through August 23. Class schedules are available at area businesses, city government offices, Chambers of Commerce, libraries, ESJC

main campus and Ft. Rucker campus. The schedule is also available at the ESJC website, [www.esjc.cc.us](http://www.esjc.cc.us). For more information about admission to the College or how to register for classes, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234 at the main campus, 334-59-3438 at the Ft. Rucker campus, or visit the website:



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# SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie and I went school shopping over the weekend, and while we did walk a few miles and go in and out of what seemed like a hundred different stores, we picked out some very pretty clothes and made Dad proud by buying just the clothes she needed. I tried to talk her into buying a little more, but she insisted she still had some clothes she could wear that were hanging in her closet, and after a few hours said she was finished. That wasn't so bad after all!

### DUSTING OFF THE DESK...

\*\*\* High school football practice will begin next week, and it looks like another exciting season of football for all the teams in the area. Preseason rumors insist that the Elba Tigers will be better than last season and will once again be a playoff contender, while other rumors heard are that Zion Chapel is down to only around 15-20 players. Kinston won't be nearly as bad as some of its opponents hope. New Brockton will be the surprise team in the area, and Brantley will be loaded once again and make its opponents pay for last year's so-so season. There is no way to really know what the teams have until preseason practice starts. However, it is always fun to listen to the rumors and then see who knew what.

\*\*\* Coach Amelia Rhodes held her annual volleyball camp last week and had a big group of girls for the event held at the Elba Tiger gym. Coach Rhodes came to Elba last season as one of the winningest volleyball coaches in the state and along with her team struggled to one of the Lady Tigers' worst seasons ever. You can bet there will be some new faces on the court this season when they toss it up and that losing will no longer be accepted on any of the school's three teams.

\*\*\* The youth football season will also begin practice next week and I urge all parents to sit down and talk with their boys about playing the sport. I know that many parents want their kids to wait until they get into junior high to begin playing football. However, there are many very good lessons to be learned from playing football at a younger age, and in these days of good equipment and knowledgeable coaches, it could pay huge dividends to allow the young stars to at least give it a try. Hey, if they don't like it, then swap to the equipment back in.

\*\*\* I have begun to watch the Atlanta Braves on the tube now that I get home at least a couple of nights a week, and while there are many new names in the line-up, the Braves are still the same as they ride their pitchers and try to score just enough runs to win. It is true the Braves have the best record in baseball and were that game over .500 last weekend, but I still don't think Atlanta has the bats to go to war with some of the other teams in the league, and certainly can't score enough to beat the Yankees. Unless I miss my guess, Atlanta will once again win its division and then disappear on its legs in the playoffs.

\*\*\* I read over the Internet where a Dizzy Dean All-Star team from Gulf Shores was booted from possible region play after it was learned the coaches picked up a player after winning the district tournament and let the illegal player play throughout the state tournament. Some of the parents of other players on the team reportedly told some league officials, and the officials in Gulf Shores reported the illegal player to the Dizzy Dean officials. It was good that the Gulf Shores league admitted the violation and has already banned the head coach from future involvement. However, it is disturbing that the coach in question also coaches at the high school level.

\*\*\* In closing...I read over the weekend that Mississippi State is being investigated by the NCAA for possible rule violations, and that really comes as no surprise, since just about every other team in the league has looked at one time or another in recent years. The SEC may be the richest college conference in the land, but it's also one of the most investigated, and maybe it is time the conference officials made a real attempt to clean things up and make it a conference we can be proud of on and off the field.

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### Four 4A teams move down into region

## Elba could be in state's toughest region

A new school year is always filled with excitement and expectation, and such will certainly be the case this season for the high school football teams of the eight schools placed in Class 3A, Region 1.

The Elba Tigers and the W.S. Neal Eagles are the only teams to return to the region from the past two seasons, as four former 4A teams move down in class, one former 3A team moves up and a 3A team moves into the region after years of competing in region two.

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## Battle against West Nile Virus needs every citizen to help eliminate mosquitoes

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

West Nile virus, a disease that can be fatal to humans, horses and a number of other warm-blooded animals and birds, is making its presence known here this summer in a very strong way. As of last week there have been four human deaths in Louisiana and a much larger number of confirmed illnesses from the mosquito spread infection.

The cycle of the virus includes mosquitoes feeding on the blood of a bird and thus infecting the bird. The virus incubates in the bird's blood and is transmitted to another mosquito which bites it. The mosquito has the virus particles stored in their salivary glands then bites a human (or horse) and transmits the infection to that host. Humans and horses are classified as "dead end" hosts because they don't produce enough of the virus, and do not contribute to the transmission cycle. This is just one of many viruses that can be transmitted by the mosquito. Others include encephalitis, dengue fever, and malaria to humans, and a variety of diseases to wildlife and domestic animals including dog heart worms and eastern equine encephalitis.

Avoid mosquito bites by applying insect repellent when spending time outdoors. Use repellent safely. Always read and follow product instructions. Human illness from West Nile virus is rare, even in areas where the virus has been reported. The chance that any one person is going to become ill from a mosquito bite is low.

There is no documented evidence of person-to-person or animal-to-person transmission of WN virus. Because WN virus is transmitted by infectious

mosquitoes, dogs or cats could be exposed to the virus in the same way humans become infected. However there is very little evidence of dogs and cats dying or suffering extensive illnesses from the virus. There is no reason to destroy an animal just because it has been infected with WN virus.

Full recovery from the infection is likely. However approximately 40% of the horses known to be infected with the virus ultimately die.

History: West Nile virus was first isolated from a febrile adult woman in the West Nile District of Uganda in 1937 (hence its name). From there it slowly spread to other countries. The first documented appearance of WN virus in United States was in 1999, with encephalitis reported in humans and horses.

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During 1999, 62 humans were diagnosed with West Nile encephalitis in New York City and 7 of those humans died.

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